

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of Meeting 89-1

of the

Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council

held

Friday, January 20, 1989

Present: Professors M.N.S. Swamy (Chair); M.O. Ahmad, V.S. Alagar, B. Ashtakala, R.B. Bhat, B.B. Bhattacharyya, A.E. Blach, B.B. Budkowska, T.D. Bui, M. Douglass, A. Elhakeem, T. Fancott, P.P. Fazio, D. Feldman, P. Grogono, F.D. Hamblin, J.F. Hayes, H.F. Li, O. Moselhi, M.O.M. Osman, E.I. Plotkin, T. Stathopoulos; Mr. R. Martin (Registrar's Rep.); Mrs. Z. Jirkovsky (Library); student representatives R.V. Dantu, and D. Kourkopoulos (ECSGA); S. De Souza, M. Di Niro, C. Sbragia and E. Shuster (ECA); P.M. Bourassa (Secretary).

Absent with apology: Professors F. Sadri and S. Sarraf.

Visitors: Me Bérengère Gaudet, Secretary-General;
Mr. D. Dobrofsky, Liaison.

1. Adoption of Agenda.
Motion Council unanimously adopted the published agenda.
89-1-1

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 88-6
Motion Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the
89-1-2 minutes of Meeting 88-6.

3. Chairman's Remarks

Dr. Swamy spoke of the widespread interest and publicity resulting from a Computer Science team solving a centuries-old math problem. The team includes Professors C. Lam and J. McKay and Analysts L. Thiel and S. Swiercz. Dr. Bui was invited to add his comments. It is significant, he said, that the New York Times, which

seldom carries articles on pure science, gave so much coverage on this achievement.

Motion
89-1-3

A motion of congratulations to the four members of the team was proposed by Dr. Hayes, seconded by Drs. Fazio and Douglass and adopted unanimously.

4. Proposed Policy on Copyright Compliance

Me Bérengère Gaudet, Secretary-General, gave a brief summary of Document ECFC 89-1-1 and explained the stages which the new legislation is going through. She then accepted questions from Council members.

Most members expressed concern about the difficulties of legally using even a small part of a book, such as a diagram, for teaching, without forcing all students to buy the whole book.

Dr. Li quoted some provisions of the American copyright legislation which are relaxed in the case of use by teaching institutions. On the other hand, Dr. Grogono said that the present American legislation is an exception compared to copyright laws in other countries, and that the proposed Canadian legislation would be more in line with international agreements.

5. Academic Planning

Prof. Hamblin said that each unit in the Faculty was asked to prepare its own planning document and that Doc. ECFC 89-1-2 resulted from this input. He also pointed out that the Centre for Industrial Control was originally named Fluid Control Centre and that an amendment will be made to mention this. Dr. Stathopoulos said that there is no indication in the document of when the Ph.D. program in Building Studies started. Prof. Hamblin said that this omission would be corrected.

Motion
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Subject to the above amendments, Council approved Document 89-1-2 for submission to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities.

6. Adjournment

Motion
89-1-5

Council unanimously adopted a motion to adjourn.